

## ANGUISH AT SEPARATION

Lepers Leave Yesterday for Molokai.

## A HEARTRENDING SCENE

None Who Saw Last Farewells of Unfortunates and Friends Will Forget Them.

A small crowd of lepers bade their last alohas to a multitude of friends and relatives on the little quarantine landing near the boat houses yesterday afternoon.

Out in the stream, between the light-house and the Pacific Mail wharf the steamer Lehua lay with steam up, awaiting her cargo of unfortunate human beings, to take them away to the Settlement on Molokai.

Boat houses in the neighborhood of the platform from which the lepers embarked in boats for the steamer, were crowded with those who were interested in the departure of the afflicted ones. Several hundred people, chiefly natives, were on hand to see the lepers off to the land from which they never will return.

To the relatives and friends of the lepers as well as to the lepers themselves, it was a final parting, a last good-bye, a separation forever as far as the affairs of this world are concerned, save for a possible meeting twice a year under annoying restraints. The lepers knew well that they were parting from those they loved, and were never probably to meet again; their friends realized the sad fact also, and the good-byes were in many cases pathetic utterances beyond the understanding of those who have never been in the deplorable condition of these poor people.

Afflicted with an incurable disease, they are taken away from home and friends and loved ones, to be set apart from the rest of the world branded as "unclean," and to remain for the remainder of their lives in separation and seclusion except for the company of others stricken with the same living death as themselves.

About fifty of the lepers collected from all over the islands during the last seven or eight months, and before leaving for the Kaihi receiving station, left Honolulu behind on the little island steamer Lehua, bound for the "City of the Dead," in the shadow of the frowning cliffs of Molokai's re-arg shore.

Spectators turned away their heads, brushing away the sympathetic tear, as those who were losing their departing friends embraced and kissed them with fervor unrestrained, with never a thought of the disease with which the ones they held so dear were afflicted.

As each leper stepped or was assisted into the boat which carried them to the steamer, a concerted wail of anguish arose from the assembled crowd, a wail of woe such as is only wrung from the human heart when hope has forever fled, a touching, agonizing scream that burst forth in the mingled strength of helplessness and despair and died away in a cry so mournful and sad that all who heard it will carry in their hearts always the remembrance of that awful bitterness.

One old leper was so far affected by the disease that he had to be put aboard the Lehua before the vessel left the wharf. As several natives carried him, carefully wrapped up, aboard the steamer, one of them remarked: "He will be dead in two or three days."

Three Sisters of Mercy went along with the lepers to Molokai; they will return after accomplishing the mission on which they go.

When the Board of Health visits Molokai, it generally takes along with it on the specially chartered steamer, as many friends of the lepers as wish to go and can be accommodated, free of charge. The Board visits the Settlement generally about twice a year, though of late the visits have not been very regular.

The Lehua, Captain Bennett, got away about 6 o'clock last evening. Several lepers still remain at the receiving station; they are mostly children who are kept for treatment.

### Y. W. C. A. Social Thursday.

The Young Women's Christian Association have their first social at the home of Mrs. Osborne on Thursday evening. All those who have signed to become members and all those who would like to join as charter members may do so before Thursday evening, and these joining are all invited to the social. Any young women wishing to join may send their names with the fees to any of the members of the Board of Directors.

### Police Items.

The following arrests were made up to 7 o'clock this morning: E. M. Par-wright, malicious injury; Ah Tong and Ah Chal, investigation; Oigt, assault and battery on Nakamura; Moke Nahu, assault and battery on Hookeaku; Pawiki, assault and battery on Ah Lai (w); Lee Chuck, profanity; Ah Ley, Lee Yam, Loy Hong, Ah Tuck, Ah Tin and Ah See, opium in possession.

Next fall a new commercial course will be instituted at Michigan university. Instruction will be given which will train students for diplomatic consular duties, for newspaper work, for higher commercial pursuits, for pastoral and philanthropic work, such as social settlements, and for public ad-

## A COURT LAY

Another Minstrel Wants Big Damages.

Case Now on Before Acting Judge Davis Attracting Much Attention.

The Hoganites had an entire day with Judge Davis yesterday. The suit in which Thurley Thyous figures as the plaintiff has been on trial since the latter part of last week, and promises monotonous hours this morning before being concluded.

When court opened Attorney McClanahan asked that the jury be given a short recess in order that he could present an agreement which he had been ordered to present in court on Monday. This was the agreement, or alleged contract, by which the Orpheum Company was to back the suits of the minstrel company against the steamship line. A forcible argument was presented by Mr. McClanahan against the production of the agreements as evidence in the case on trial, as they were entered into between the plaintiff and a third party. Attorney Robertson made an argument in rebuttal and submitted that the documents in question should be made a part of the evidence and exhibits.

Judge Davis sided with the plaintiff's attorney, citing as authority Barnes vs. Scott, United States Supreme Court decision. He also ruled the same way in regard to the evidence in this matter, after carefully considering the question. There was a fine point raised in the argument as to whether such agreements should be produced, but he was of the opinion that the weight of authority was against receiving the evidence in court.

Attorney McClanahan read the evidence of Frank J. Heming, captain of the Miowera, given under oath early this month while the vessel was on the way to Australia. Mr. McClanahan also offered in evidence a copy of the communication received by T. H. Davies & Co., from M. M. Stern of San Francisco, relating to the taking-on of the minstrel company. The testimony of the Miowera's purser was also read.

T. Rain Walker of Davies & Co. was a witness during the forenoon. His testimony was to the effect that he had no particular overseeing of the steamship business, that being in charge of Mr. Irvine. He spoke of a confidential letter book in which important letters were copied. Mr. McClanahan asked him whether a letter of instructions issued from his office to the captain of the Miowera, had been copied in that book. He could not remember that it had, and was asked to look it up and produce it, if possible, at the afternoon session. The plaintiff and M. C. Smith were also on the stand.

Two agreements between the Orpheum company and Mr. Hogan for the minstrel company were introduced as evidence and filed as exhibits. One was entered into by Mr. Hogan on April 12, for a four weeks' engagement, and the last one was dated May 10, to continue in force until June 5. Both call for the payment of \$312.50 per week, and board and lodging for the entire company, to Mr. Hogan, for his twenty-nine people.

Mr. Robertson asked Mr. Hogan, who was on the witness stand, if he was not better off since he came to Honolulu than before he arrived. "Yes, in health," was the quiet rejoinder of the comedian, amid general laughter from the court, jury and spectators.

"You are also better off financially are you not, Mr. Hogan?" queried the attorney. "Yes," came the smiling answer.

Robertson also read the cross-examination of Ernest Hogan as adduced in the first trial. He also filed in evidence as an exhibit a single ticket on the steamship Warrimoo calling for steerage passage in said vessel from Sydney to Victoria, and issued in favor of Thurley Thyous, February 26, 1900. A. J. Haman, Carl Dante and Alex. St. M. Mackintosh were also on the witness stand. The latter testified to conversations and doings which occurred on the day the minstrel company endeavored to board the Miowera to continue on their journey.

The case will be heard again this morning.

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